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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has created a mail group called NREGA Knowledge Network to implement the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act in a better way;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether most of the rural people are not aware of the various schemes of the Government and thus remained unaware of the benefits of the various rural development schemes;

(d) if so, the appropriate action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Rural Development has introduced e-knowledge network for effective implementation of NREGA. Innovations at worksites and local solutions are very helpful in meeting the challenges of implementation of NREGA across the country. E-knowledge network helps in lateral transfer of these local solutions, especially among the District Programme Coordinators. The knowledge network aims at connecting practitioners and providing solutions on demand through a knowledge pool built up dynamically by exchange of information, ideas and best practices.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. Awareness generation is the most important tool for success of any rural development scheme. To ensure that more and more people get benefits under such schemes, programmes are given wide publicity through Local vernacular newspapers, films, cultural forums, leaflets and brochures in local language. NGOs and Self help Groups are being associated in the awareness generation.